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**WHEREAS**, Alexandrian Mark Warner was elected Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia on November 6, 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark Warner was the first in his family to attend college and become a successful businessman and entrepreneur; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark Warner's early business failures taught him important lessons about hard work and picking yourself up and starting over; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark Warner entered the new wireless communications industry in the 1980s and later founded Columbia Capital Corporation, and has created more than 70 telecommunications and information technology companies which employ more than 15,000 persons; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark Warner has been a committed leader in communities all across the Commonwealth in such endeavors as the Care Foundation, which has provided health care to more than 374,000 underserved Virginians, and the TechRider program which offers free training courses in computer technology at places of worship throughout the Commonwealth ; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark Warner has established four regional-based small business investment funds in Southwest Virginia, Richmond, and Hampton Roads to make sure that Virginia's prosperity extends to all parts of the Commonwealth through providing critical early-stage capital needs to help new small businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark Warner has demonstrated his commitment to his community through membership on the boards of United Community Ministries, the Metropolitan YMCA, the Alexandria Boys and Girls Club, and the Potomac Knowledgeway and through his generosity and philanthropy in the City of Alexandria and throughout the Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark Warner, his wife Lisa Collis and their daughters Madison, Gillian, and Eliza are Alexandrians who have time and again demonstrated their caring for their community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby congratulate Alexandrian Mark Warner as Governor-elect of the Commonwealth of Virginia and wish him and his family all the best as he begins his service in Richmond.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2001.

**KERRY J. DONLEY**      **MAYOR**  
On behalf of the City Council  
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC      City Clerk